different dialect of their own, as do the Ta'amireh (Ta'āmre), the shepherd tribe[19] which wanders primarily in the area between the Dead Sea on the east and Bethlehem and Ḥalḥūl on the west, but also farther north and west when pressed by drought.[20] The Tayāha, who were in the areas around and to the south of Bīr as-Saba' (Beersheba) until expelled following the Palestine War of 1948, speak a dialect distinct from the type represented by Dawayimeh and quite similar to those of the *badu* of southern Jordan.

It may be seen from this brief study, which adds a certain amount of new information to the dialectal map,[21] that there is still much unrecorded material to be found in the Palestine area.

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[19] Technically, it is quite erroneous to refer to the Ta'amireh as Bedouin. They do not regard themselves as such, nor do their neighbors, and many aspects of their economy and social habits are quite different from those of the desert nomads. Their origin is historically more likely from the villages of Palestine than from the wastes of the Arabian Desert, as in past centuries it was not at all uncommon for settled farmers and stock raisers to take up a nomadic way of life to escape oppressive taxation and military conscription. Under present favorable conditions they are rapidly resettling and building permant homes. They had never entirely abandoned agriculture and are now turning more and more to this part of their economy within the limits of arable land available to them.

[20] They are prevented at present from wandering in their traditional areas on the Israeli side of the demarcation line.

[21] In two details, G. Bergsträsser, *Sprachatlas von Syrien und Palästina* (Leipzig, 1915), must be corrected. On his Map 13, the suffix for our area should be corrected to *-u*, rather than *-e(h)*. On Map 27, *halkēt*, "now," is shown as predominate in southern Palestine, whereas in fact it is rather rare, while *halḥīn* is completely dominant. (Bergsträsser's work is also found in *Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins*, Vol. 38 [1915], pp. 169-222.)

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AMARNA PERIOD

Two useful books on Amarna chronology and history have recently appeared: **Edward F. Campbell**'s The Chronology of the Amarna Letters (Baltimore, Johns Hopkins Press, 1964, pp. xi + 163, $5.00) and **K. A. Kitchen,** *Suppiluliuma and the Amarna Pharaohs* (Liverpool Univ. Press, 1962, pp. ix + 62). The two studies are independent and together form a notable addition to our syntheses of Amarna history. In some respects they are supplemented by the reviewer in *The Amarna Letters from Palestine* (prepublished as Fascicle 51 (Vol. II, Chapter XX of the new edition of the *Cambridge Ancient History*), which appeared in 1966.

Also to the Amarna period belong the statue bases of Amenophis III from Kôm el-Ḥeiṭân, bearing lists of foreign localities allegedly conquered by that Pharaoh. One statue base is of extraordinary importance, since it contains at least two Aegean ethnic names and over a dozen toponyms, nearly all of which can now be identified with certainty or high probability (**Elmar Edel,** *Die Ortsnamenlisten aus dem Totentempel Amenophis* III, *Bonner biblische Beiträge*, No. 25, pp. xvi + 101 with several folding charts); see in part already K. A. Kitchen, *Orientalia* 34 (1965), pp. 5 f. and BULLETIN, No. 181 (1966), pp. 23 f., as well as the excellent treatment by M. Astour, *Am. Jour. Arch.*, 70 (1966), pp. 313-317. While this is no place for details, suffice it to say that the ethnic names include Cretans and Danaans, and that the place-names represent Crete (Knossos, Amnisos, Kydonia, Dikte), Cythera, Mycenae (Nauplia and Mycenae), and the kingdom of Pylos (at least two: Mezana and *Wa'ir(a)yi* = *Wa-e-ro*). There is an additional gain: recalcitrant Egyptologists and classical historians will now have to accept my vocalization of the Egyptian syllabic orthography (first published in 1934), in view of the complete agreement between its general results and the transcriptions of Mycenaean Linear B, as well as the known rules of early Greek historical phonology. To be continued.

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